JUVENILE COURT DELINQUENCY



Hon. Gregory S. Tavill
Judge of the Superior Court
Rancho Cucamonga Juvenile Court

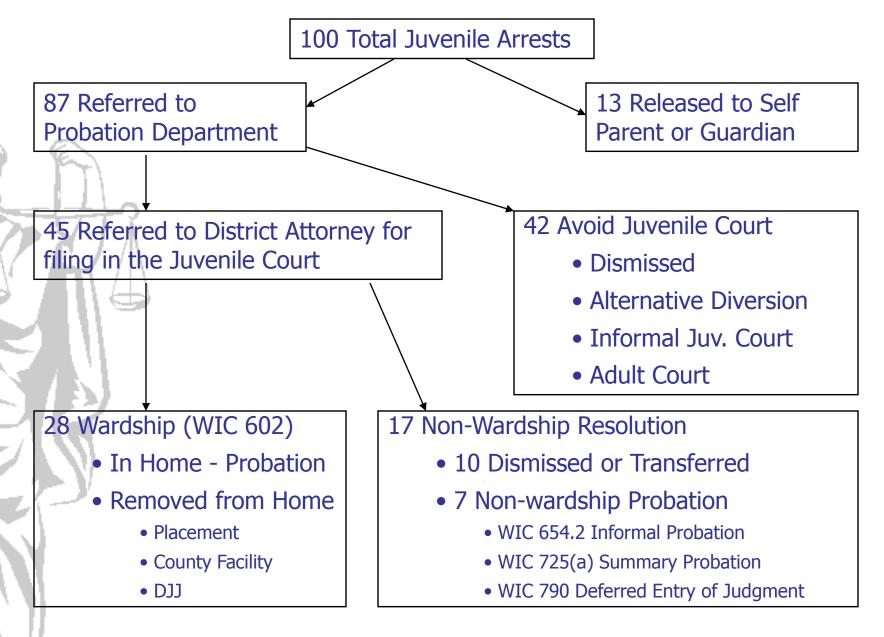
Goals of the Delinquency Court

- To preserve and promote the welfare of the child
- To provide care, treatment, and guidance consistent with the best interests of the child and of the public
- Promote public safety

How is Juvenile Delinquency Court different from the Adult Criminal Court?

- Both Courts Public Safety
- Adult Criminal Court Punishment

Juvenile Court – Rehabilitation



SOURCE: CALIFORNIA'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM: A PRIMER, CAL. LEGISLATIVE ANALYSTS OFFICE, JAN. 2007

Wardship

- Formal Probation
- Juvenile Hall
- Placement (Removal from Home)
 - Foster Care
 - Group Homes
 - Residential Programs
- Division of Juvenile Justice (aka CYA)
- Gateway Program (San Bernardino County)

Issues and Observations

- Crimes are age related
 - The adolescent brain is not fully developed -- kids are impulsive and act without thinking
 - **Kids in School are not in the Delinquency Court**



Issues and Observations

- Crimes are age related
- Poverty
- Mental Issues
- Kids without proper parenting
 - Parental abandonment
 - Parents in prison
 - Parents that are kids themselves
 - Parents that are not equipped to be parents

- **Identify families that need services**
 - Make referrals to appropriate agencies
 - Department of Behavioral Health
 - Inland Regional Center
 - Schools Individualized Education Plans (IEP)
- Suggest Component Classes that will provide help to child or family
 - Private Providers of Services
 - San Bernardino County Probation Department



Probation Department

- Many Classes Offered
 - Not required to be on probation



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- Identify families that need services
- Mentorship programs
 - Youth Group
 - Bible Studies
 - Individuals Providing Mentoring to a Minor

- Identify families that need services
- Mentorship programs
- Support Family and Minor After Arrest
 - Support the Family
 - Appeal to child's best interests
 - Help Minor to Accept Responsibility
 - Go to Court
 - Mentoring (clergy or church members)

- Identify families that need services
- Mentorship programs
- Support Family and Minor After Arrest
- Community Service Opportunities
 - Church Projects and Events
 - Community Projects
 - Maintenance Programs
 - Service Projects to Persons in Need

Accomplish Goals

- Protect the Public
- Identify children that need services
- Children should live life without crime
 - Prevent crimes from being committed by kids
 - Prevent kids from being victimized

Thank You

